

## **AVAILABILITY COMMITTEE - FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH CARE COALITION**

### **Meeting Summary**

**June 27, 2007**

**Attendees:** Teresa Cunningham, Kitty Devilbiss, Monica Grant, Amy Gunnarson, Leigh Joos, Renee Kyttle, Jeffrie Normoyle, Jim Williams

**Review of 5/30/07 meeting summary** – No changes or discussion

**Executive Committee/ICCC meeting 6/15/07** – Summary given by Leigh Joos

**Dental Survey** – Monica Grant and Jeffrie Normoyle summarized the dental provider survey which will be done as part of the DHMH data collection process to determine if our county (or areas of it) might qualify for “medically underserved” designation. A prescribed script/set of questions must be asked of general dentists practicing in Frederick County and a 66% response rate must be obtained to be complete. Dentists/practice managers will be primarily contacted by phone although fax or email could be used. The list of dentists to be contacted will be refined by FCHD dental clinic staff. Volunteers are needed to survey a specified number of dentists (quantity may vary based on volunteer’s availability) in late August/early Sept.

Several committee members volunteered to assist with this project. Those members not in attendance but interested in helping should contact Monica ([mgrant@fredco-md.net](mailto:mgrant@fredco-md.net))

**Specialty Providers/Mission of Mercy Perspective per Dave Liddle** – Leigh and Jim Williams shared comments from conversations with Dave Liddle (CFO) regarding Mission of Mercy’s recruitment/use of specialists. Referrals to specialists are used judiciously by the physician volunteers and specialty providers are primarily recruited via “word of mouth”. Because this system is working, the development of a “pool” of specialists for donated or sliding scale care would need to have compelling benefits in order for the organization to participate.

**Discussion of Resource Guide** – The group decided to create a simple “one-page” guide of health care providers for the uninsured with locations, contact info/links if possible, services, and eligibility which could be posted on the coalition web page and also easily printed for reference. It was felt that this would be appropriate undertaking given FCAA’s plan for an extensive grant-funded resource guide. In the coming weeks, Leigh will create and distribute a draft guide to be reviewed and modified by the committee.

Given the abundant resource information available from the 211 program, the committee would like to include 211 as a resource on the guide; Amy Gunnarson will ask a representative from 211 to speak with our committee at the August meeting.

**Next meeting –August 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-5:30, FMH**